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## CAMPUS



▼**CONFERENCE**—The women's conference is Sat., March 22 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Students can sign up outside the cafeteria during supper on March 18 and 19. The conference is free for students.

▼**CULTURE**—March 16 through 23 is United Cultures at Wartburg week. There are activities planned each day during the week. Signs are posted around campus with information on the events taking place. Students are encouraged to attend and take part in the week.

▼**HOUSING DEPOSIT**—Students must pay their housing deposit fee of \$100 by March 28 in the Controller's Office. If students do not pay their housing fee by this day, they will not be able to sign up for housing next year. The deposit can be paid after March 28, but students may not get a room due to limited space. Upon payment, students may pick up their lottery number in the Residential Life Office. Sign up for housing will begin Monday, March 24 and go through Wednesday, March 26. Sign up will be in order of lottery number and by class.

▼**SCHEDULES**—It is the time of year when students need to think about choosing next year's classes. Students should set up an appointment to meet with their advisors before the end of March to plan out classes for the '97-'98 school year. Students may then register for classes on specific days assigned to them by seniority.

## Wrestlers place second

by Lis Erickson  
Sports Editor

Two National Champions. Six All-Americans. One history-making achievement.

Seniors Tom Smith and Dusty Rhodes each brought back a souvenir from the Division III National Wrestling Tournament in Ada, Ohio, March 7-8 — the title of national champion.

Smith is the only wrestler in Wartburg history to be crowned a two-time national champion.

"It was just a joy to win my second championship," Smith said.

He ends his collegiate wrestling career with a record of 124-13.

Rhodes grabbed an overtime win in his semifinal match before dominating his opponent in the finals, 7-2.

"It felt like a weight had been lifted from my shoulders. I had finally gotten what I wanted," Rhodes said.

The Knights brought home four other top-eight finishes from Ohio.

At 158, Brian Roberts took third. Chris Ortner finished the season at sixth in the 177 class.

Kevin Miller at 142 and Greg Halsor at 150 both finished eighth in the nation.

"It was real gratifying to see those three [Roberts, Miller and Halsor] finish as All-Americans," Coach Miller said. "Kevin and Greg both went down a weight, and it was great to see them finish so well after sacrificing for the team."

Miller also said he thinks Ortner proved he'll be a force to be reckoned



Photo courtesy of College Relations

**BRINGIN' HOME THE SILVER**—Wartburg's wrestling team, under Coach Jim Miller, took second place at the Division III National Wrestling Tournament. The tournament was held in Ada, Ohio, March 7-8. Wartburg also came home with two national champions, seniors Tom Smith and Dusty Rhodes.

with in the future.

"I think Chris opened up some eyes. In his first year on varsity, he showed he's somebody to deal with."

The Knights' best just wasn't enough to overcome Augsburg's eight All-Americans and two national champions, as the Auggies walked away with the title. They racked up 122.0 points and outdistanced the Knights by 42 points.

"Augsburg just got on a roll," Miller said. "I feel pretty good about how we wrestled. I don't feel like we lost it; Augsburg won it."

Ironically, the Knights and the Auggies never went head-to-head in the tournament.

"I'm really proud of our guys," Miller said.

Stacy Demro contributed to this article.

## Amnesty phone calls total \$13,065.29

*Administrators are able to breathe a little easier because some students have taken advantage of amnesty.*

by Sara Baker  
News Editor

Students requested amnesty for \$13,065.29 worth of the \$52,000 phone bill racked up on college Personal Identification Numbers (PIN), according to Director of Residential Life Pete Armstrong.

Dr. Mike Book, vice president for administration and finance, said this number accounts for 8,417 phone calls and 98,563.2 minutes.

Bills for students who turned in amnesty forms were mailed Thursday. Payment is due March 27, but if students are unable to pay in full by that date, Book said they can work out a payment plan.

The largest bill for a single student was \$3,591.91. The smallest tab was \$.07.

Book said one other student had a bill of more than \$1,000; one student was above \$500; 25 were between \$100-\$500; and the rest were mainly between \$.07-\$20.

Book said some students have already been in to pay their bills.

"Students were in already [Thursday], as soon as the bills hit the mailboxes," he said. "The amnesty is not complete until all charges are paid for."

This leaves about \$40,000 worth of unclaimed phone calls.

"We're disappointed that there weren't more [amnesty forms]. It's obvious with \$40,000 left unclaimed that this was a wide-spread problem on campus," Book said.

Book said the administration will now join forces with the Waverly Police Department to settle the matter.

"We have brought the police into the investigation now, and it is our intention to aggressively pursue those students who did not accept responsibility for making those phone calls," he said.

"At this point there is no guarantee as to the final amount we'll be able to collect as a result of our investigation," Book said.

According to Book, the 75,000 unclaimed phone calls have been entered into a Wartburg computer data base which will break them down into four specific groups: high volume of dollar amount, high volume of total minutes,

high volume of total calls and high volume of international calls.

"From there, the police will be brought in to review that data and will fashion an investigation accordingly. We hope to have that data in two weeks," Book said. "I can't determine how quickly the investigation will go."

"Any student who we're able to determine made calls and didn't come forward are subject to criminal and college sanctions," Book said.

Book said those who did not apply for amnesty will be charged with varying degrees of theft depending on the dollar amount of calls made:

- \$0-\$100—fifth degree theft, a simple misdemeanor
- \$100-\$500—fourth-degree theft, a serious misdemeanor
- \$500-\$1,000—third-degree theft, an aggravated misdemeanor
- \$1,000-\$10,000—second-degree theft, a Class D felony
- More than \$10,000—first-degree theft, a Class C felony

Armstrong said no specific college punishment policy has been established

to deal with students who are found to have illegally used PIN numbers but didn't submit amnesty forms.

"We'll look at the volume, the number of the calls, and the value of the calls, and given the number, we'll need to prioritize how to proceed."

"If we discover there are individuals who have thousands of dollars of phone calls, that will be viewed much differently than a student who has a much smaller amount," he said.

Armstrong said the process of sorting through the unclaimed calls will be a long one, because some students who used the illegal PIN numbers no longer attend Wartburg.

The college is expected to pay the phone bill for now.

"The money is coming from our existing budget," he said. "We'll later have to determine which student activities will be impacted."

Book said the President's council will determine where the money to pay the bill will come from.

Students with information about the illegal use of PIN numbers are asked to contact Book, Armstrong or the Waverly Police Department.



# Communication motivates candidates

by Annette Everding  
Assistant News Editor

The campaigns have started and the debates are ongoing, despite claims that tomorrow's elections are just a popularity contest.

Posters around campus promote candidates for the '97-'98 Student Senate president, vice president, recorder and treasurer.

Elections are tomorrow, with voting completed outside the cafeteria during lunch and dinner.

If one pair of running mates does not receive a majority of tomorrow's vote, a

run-off election between the top two vote getting tickets will be held the next week.

The three president and vice president candidate teams participated in a Channel 13 debate Thursday night in Buhr Lounge.

The candidate teams are junior Jeremy Brummond and sophomore Brian Van De Berg, sophomore Jessica Daley and junior Lee Venteicher, and junior Michael Van Gorkom and freshman Stacy Demro.

Other candidate campaign paraphernalia can be seen around campus, but according to Student Body Vice President Barb Gamez, their names will not appear

on the ballot.

Four students, sophomores Sara Baker and Teresa Honeycutt, junior Matt Bode and senior Stacey Aldinger, made up a panel that posed questions to the candidates.

The candidates each identified reasons why students should vote for them at the debate.

"We have the most drive and initiative and will be able to do it full force," Brummond said.

Daley took the approach of being a fresh face on campus who could improve things through fresh ideas.

According to Van Gorkom, as a communication arts major he would be the one to get things publicized because he has experience in media productions and classes.

Another debate between the president/vice president teams happens tonight in Buhr Lounge at 9.

Other Student Senate executive candidates include:

•Recorder: sophomores Stephanie Robbins, Nekeidra Tucker and Greg Berry

•Treasurer: freshman Peter Knoebel, sophomore Aaron Loan and junior Kerrie Larson.

Jeremy Brummond / Brian Van De Berg



Junior Jeremy Brummond and sophomore Brian Van De Berg said they are "the experience and initiative Wartburg needs."

In their platform they intend to focus on communication and financial aid.

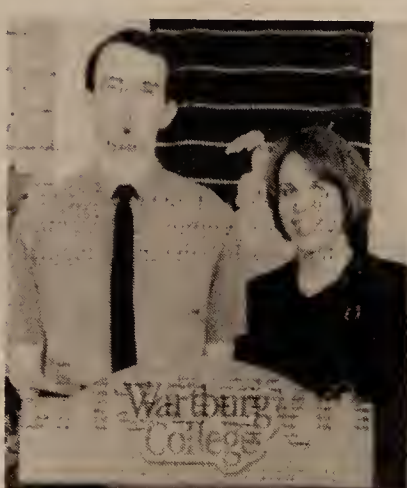
On the diversity issue Van De Berg said he would push for more minority involvement in Senate. He said the ones that are part of Senate now are doing a good job.

"I wouldn't call it a problem. Maybe an inconvenience, but not a problem. I think things are going pretty well," Van De Berg said.

To help restore the image of Wartburg to the outside community Brummond said he has a few ideas.

He said he would like to issue press releases to local media concentrating on not only what positive things Senate has accomplished, but also positive things on campus as a whole.

Jessica Daley / Lee Venteicher



Sophomore Jessica Daley and junior Lee Venteicher see the three areas of attitudes, buildings and services, and communication as building blocks for Wartburg's future.

Their platform focuses on all three areas equally. Daley said all of them are essential to the Wartburg community.

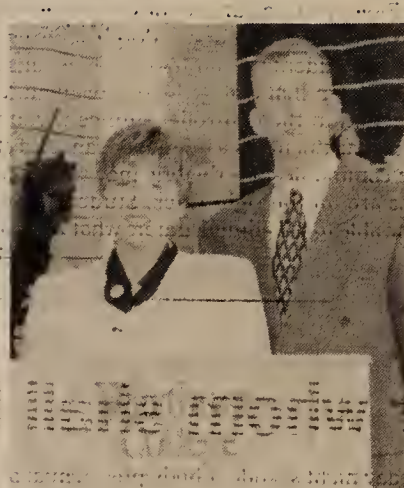
To improve Wartburg's reputation Daley said students need to get involved in keeping the image positive.

"We can improve it [the reputation] by increasing our positive things that get done on campus and publishing them," Daley said.

Venteicher's thoughts on diversity are that it is a problem on campus, but for Iowa "we are pretty diverse."

He said the problem is lack of diversity in thoughts and ideas rather than diversity dealing with ethnicity and race.

Michael Van Gorkom / Stacy Demro



Junior Michael Van Gorkom and freshman Stacy Demro will maintain a high level of commitment to students and campus issues.

Van Gorkom and Demro have communication as a major part of their platform, also.

They especially are focusing on the interaction between students and administration or lack thereof.

Another aspect dealing with lack of interaction is diversity.

"The diversity problem is a lack of interaction between people," Demro said.

She said there isn't any program or incentive to solve the problem, rather students have to take initiative.

Van Gorkom is looking to publish the positive things done by students and by Senate to help remedy the negative image Wartburg is getting.

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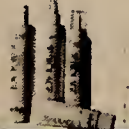
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## Editorial

## No class conflict

Popular political rhetoric at Thursday's Student Senate president/vice-president debate included the thought that without us [students], administrators wouldn't exist, so they'd better listen to us via our elected representatives. Initially, I cringed. My first reaction was "how pompous of us to think such a thing." It just sounds strange. We are Wartburg students for four (maybe five!) years, and then we leave. Most administrators are here, well, longer than that.

But the thought isn't really pompous. It's business. However, at times, business can become confusing.

Think about the last time your class was canceled. First there is that wonderful feeling of freedom. A sense of relief. Perhaps jubilation. Probably a nap.

But then, right as you are climbing back into bed, do you ever say to yourself: "Hey, what am I thinking? I paid for that class and it was just taken away from me." Or think back to Dr. King's Biology 101 lecture on the cost of each class session?

Lack of sleep must suck endorphins away from the part of the college student's brain that reminds him or her of what it felt like to sign that college loan agreement. Can you imagine the reaction in the controller's office if you went in to get a "tuition adjustment" as a refund for canceled classes?

The communication rhetoric may seem cliché, but the candidates are on the right track. Student government leaders must be able to tell administrators what we want.

—Eric Allen, editor

## Column

## Alum pride passed on

After my glorious Winter Term Break of basking in the sun on the western side of Florida, life couldn't have been better. Then again life could have been, if I knew that I did not have to come back to Wartburg to finish off the year.

What a time to unwind! Singing a few concerts with the Wartburg Choir by night and swimming twice a day — once in the ocean and then in the host family's pool — it was incredible bliss.

Okay, for all the people who I have upset, I am very sorry. But with all that sun, water and singing, I learned a lot about my Wartburg education.

It is not that I hate college and want to graduate as soon as possible. (It is only two and one-half months away, seniors.) I still like Wartburg College and it means a great deal to me. Yes, even with all the problems over the past few weeks, Wartburg still turns out quality individuals who make a difference.

The choir's trip to Florida gave me appreciation of Wartburg alumni. It was amazing to see their excitement when the choir stopped for a concert.



Justin  
Schaefer

Now Wait a  
Minute...

Joy, jubilation, tears and parties. That is what Wartburg alumni feel after they leave the haven of their alma mater. Alumni still feel the pride and loyalty to Wartburg by hanging out with their fellow classmates and associating with students currently in the institution.

It made me think that I will have something to look forward to with anticipation. That is, after my days in Waverly are through.

Yes, I know that I won't become a generous alum overnight. And people from the alumni office won't be knocking at my door for a few years, unless I win the lottery. Yet, I am going to be proud to represent the institution I graduated from.

There is a sense of honor and pride when you come from Wartburg. It may not be evident while still at the institution, but once you are out, the love of the college grows.

How can you love an institution that you pay \$17,000 to attend? I guess you don't really care after you are out. In a couple of months, I will be able to tell you first hand.

## Letter

## For whom shall I vote?

Thursday night's student body presidential and vice-presidential debate left me more confused about whom I would elect.

All three platforms say they will increase communication between administrators and students. I found out little else at the debate. Although I have read all three platforms posted on campus, I wanted to hear how the candidates expect to accomplish these things if communication needs to improve first. How long will this communication problem take to correct for other promises to succeed?

I graduate soon, but that does not mean I do not care about how the campus can improve in the future. The candidates have it right, Student Senate is an instrument for campus improvements. What I hope to hear in Monday's debate are solutions, rather than problem identification.

The ticket who details specific solutions to me, the voter, will be the ticket I vote for on Tuesday. One candidate told me voting is important. However, if I don't feel one platform will achieve anything more than the other, what difference will my vote make?

I know the candidates are capable of dealing with campus problems, but I want to hear answers rather than hear what is wrong.

Suzanne Behnke,  
senior

## Letter

## Hypocrisy divides faithful

Recently I've been having many conversations with friends about why they have decided to separate themselves either physically, spiritually or ethically from the association of Christianity. This especially concerns me as a student at a Christian college.

Why are deep-thinking individuals turning away from their faiths? I hear many of these frustrated voices echoing a similar theme: they don't want to be affiliated with an organization or with people that claim to follow certain principles such as "loving thy neighbor," "saved by

grace," or "judge not lest ye be judged." However, when it actually comes down to following these platitudes, these Christians fail to "practice what they preach." When I hear their frustrations, I sigh and agree with them.

More and more Christians are setting themselves apart physically and ethically from other people (Christians and non-Christians) by judging, based on their own opinions. They use the Bible to back their attacks on others and ironically claim to be non-judgemental. This is very frustrating for me as a Christian

and it saddens me that religion continues to divide people rather than unite them. This is my point: I'm not presuming to know all the answers. I'm not perfect. I don't want to judge anyone, including Christians with other opinions.

I guess one of the only things I can do is to acknowledge my own short-comings, re-doubling my own efforts to practice what I preach. And to remember that ideally, people will recognize Christians for their love and not their hypocrisy.

Judy Hesterberg,  
senior

## Column

## Chemistry set illumines fun

The wonders of science never cease to amaze me. First they put men on the moon. Next they'll be cloning the men they put on the moon. When is it all gonna end?

There's a lot of dangerous stuff out there and I can only pray it never falls into the wrong hands.

I've seen the damage science can do ...

It was a summer day and my buddy Joel Sieck had just asked me to come on over and spend the night. Of course I jumped at the invitation. After all, at the Siecks, there were sugared cereals, unenforced bedtimes and most important to this tale, a brand new chemistry set.

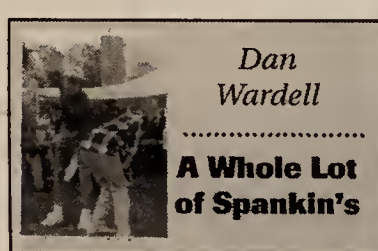
Soon after arriving at Joel's we rushed up to his room and brought out "Dr. Wizard's Patented 50 Billion Experiments in One Chemistry Set."

It was a pretty cool set, with all kinds of funky smelling chemicals.

There was also an instruction booklet on how to perform all the experiments, but Joel and I didn't need somebody telling us how to make our own potions. So we used its pages as kindling to start our own makeshift bunsen burner. It wasn't long before we had alerted every smoke alarm in the house. His parents stormed up the stairs and ripped the chemistry set from our clutches.

Fortunately, Joel's parents were like every other set of parents in the world. They think they've got a good hiding spot, but in reality that spot is the first place kids look.

Joel, knowing exactly where they put the chem-



Dan  
Wardell

A Whole Lot  
of Spankin's

istry set, turned to me and said, "Tonight, while they sleep."

The afternoon and evening passed and soon Joel's parents were fast asleep. We crept past their room, down the stairs and to the chemistry set hiding place. It was just where Joel had said it would be. After trying to decide where would be

the best place to perform our experiments, we ignorantly chose the closet in Joel's room. We crept back up to our secret lab.

With flashlight in hand we began mixing up ingredients like sulfur and zinc, potassium and magnesium. Yet, just mixing up stuff wasn't very fun! We then lit a candle which Joel had grabbed during our chemistry set reconnaissance mission and began to boil.

In the course of boiling this and that, we discovered one such chemical was very flammable and produced a bright blue-ish light.

So we began throwing handfuls of this chemical into the flame giggling at the shiny sparks it threw off. Luckily, I got the last handful, and threw it on the flame. At the very same moment, Eugene Sieck threw open the door and yelled, "Good God, boys!"

To this day I can still see him standing in the doorway, bathed in bright blue light and mad as heck. I can also feel the pain of the spankin's he gave us. So you see, with such scientifically dangerous things out there, it is important that they be monitored. I can only hope that the government has such light sleepers and such hard spankers as Eugene Sieck.

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## Mission across America

*While most Wartburg students enjoyed a relaxing break at home, seven groups took off from the college to embark on service trips in all directions. They've come back after a week of making a difference, and here's a sample of their experiences.*

## South Bronx, N.Y.



By Julie Nystel

Eleven Wartburg students, accompanied by Residence hall Director Greg Allen, traveled to the South Bronx over break to challenge their stereotypes of New York, tutor children and interact with inner-city community members.

Staying at All Saints Lutheran Parish in the heart of the South Bronx forced students to face their stereotypes of the inner city and observe the role of the church in an oppressed community.

Team members worked with volunteers and church staff to carry out established programs at the church. We served community meals and communicated with homeless and poor citizens of the community. Other activities included cleaning the church kitchen, boiler room, pantry, attic, and alleys, participating in the church's afterschool program and listening to different speakers.

One man in particular changed some team members' view of the South Bronx.

He said, "I thank God for surviving two heart attacks, I thank God for surviving two nervous breakdowns, and I thank God for surviving the loss of my beautiful wife and partner of nearly 50 years. I love sharing God's love and serving others."

Team members met a man afflicted with AIDS who used to earn more than \$100,000 per year and now barely has enough money to survive. He said his own faults led him to contract AIDS. He did not blame anyone for his condition. He said he deals with depression on a daily basis but gains hope each time he meets people like the service team from Iowa.

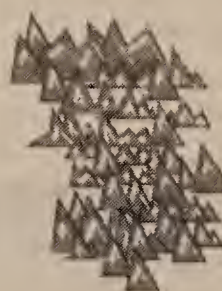
We tutored children who live in a challenging, dangerous neighborhood and questioned why they scream, yell and hit each other.

The question answered itself when team members saw a mother pick up her child and display the same behavior.

Team members said they faced issues of racism in several different settings. South Bronx police questioned three team members walking around the neighborhood. "This is a dangerous neighborhood. You don't really fit in around here," the police said.

An 8-year old participating in the afterschool program called one of the students "poor white trash," and other children told a white Wartburg student they did not want her help.

## Denver, Co.



By Kelly Orr

Eleven Wartburg students "road tripped" out to Denver over Winter Break to serve in the inner

city.

After 13 hours of driving, spending the night in North Platte, Neb., and many rest room breaks, we finally arrived at our destination — inner city Denver.

We spent the week volunteering at various shelters. Each day we split into groups of three or four and went to serve.

On Monday, I went to The Gathering Place, a shelter for battered and homeless women and their children. We did everything from washing windows to serving a meal to helping out in the daycare.

"I talked to a child whose dad was in jail and that's the only world he knew. It made



me realize all kids need love because not everyone receives it at home, if they even have the luxury of a home," said freshman Alle Brauhn.

My second day, I went to Curtis Park Community Center and was shocked to see two children I had played with the day before now at a different place. The only thing certain in these kids' lives is the fact of uncertainty.

Another shelter we went to was the St. Francis Center, a place for homeless men to go during the day.

"The scariest part was walking through the door that was lined with over 20 homeless men. After tutoring one man for a while, I realized that homeless are real people just like us," said freshman Mindy Van Cleave. "It's sometimes hard to get past the initial judgment we all make."

This week drastically altered my views of America's homeless. The statistics are outrageous. Only eight out of the 30 Denver shelters are for families. For a family to rent a two-bedroom apartment, one has to make over \$11 an hour.

After working Thursday morning, we headed to Sky Ranch, a camp in the mountains. The scenery was beautiful. We had some time to enjoy the outdoors and process the week.

Working in the shelters really opened my eyes to world around me. Once I got past my initial reaction of fear, I really learned a lot. This is definitely a trip I would love to go on again.

## Louisville, Ky



By Krista Klockentager

First off, let's give a "Big Kentucky WOO-HOO!" for the 12 people who braved the floods, and made it back alive! Okay, okay, so there have been some rumors flying

about our trip to Looavull (yes, that is how you spell it, down there). We really did go, we really stayed for the entire week, we really worked hard and didn't even come close to floating away.

The participants of the Looavull Habitat service trip were Jess Ankney, Al Mews, Liz Roesch, Amy Schaffner, Megan Carico, Brita Beyerlein, Krista Klockentager, Amy (Bob) Severson, Heather Brömann, leaders April Schauer and Jenn Rutz, and faculty advisor Dawn Pierce.

There were zero of us who really knew each other. Here's what the group consensus was about that: we had the most awesome group you could imagine! It helps in this situation when you have a positive attitude from each member of the group.

We knew we were going there to work, and work we did. The weather was not as nice as we had all expected, so working indoors the first day didn't bother any of us. We were taught to "spackle" (yes, I said it again), or put mud on dry wall.

We also had three girls from Appalachia State University in Boone, N.C., working with us. They were a big help with their previous Habitat experiences.

The rest of our work week was outdoors. We worked in a HUGE mudhole, digging out all the slop and basically just watching it roll right back down to where we dug from. They wanted to pour cement in that hole that afternoon, but that never happened. I guess the 11 inches of rain in only 24 hours from the week before didn't help.

We made the day fun though, throwing worms at each other and laughing when we couldn't pick up our boots to trudge any further. Everyone should have the experience of bailing mud at least once in their life.

For two days we worked on framing the walls of a house. The soon-to-be owner of the home worked with us; to see the excitement that she had and how proud she was made us all want to work harder.

A few minor problems occurred with the



Photo by Stephanie Robbins

**ALL WORK AND NO PLAY** — Although the beaches nearby were inviting, it's construction work that keeps these students of the Georgetown, SC, service trip busy during Winter Term Break. After five days of work, the house had taken shape with a frame and trusses. Seven trips at various locations involved nearly 100 Wartburg students during the week.



# ca : Seven service trips reached the corners of the country over break. Here are their stories...



Graphics by Rob Bryson

reading of the blueprints, though; whoever was laying out the walls for us to nail together kept forgetting doors and windows here and there. I think we pulled out as many nails as we put in!

We also had some spare time to do some sight-seeing down in Looavull. We went to the Louisville Slugger Bat Factory and Museum downtown. We all got free tiny little bats. We learned that they were the rejects — the wood has knots in it and they can't make real bats out of it.

We also became accustomed to Blue Grass music. The Appalachia girls took us to a coffee shop where a Blue Grass band they knew from North Carolina was playing, and we boogied down with them.

I would go back in a second to finish that house. Giving up my winter term break was very much a learning and also an eye-opening experience. I am now back at Wartburg with 11 new friends on campus, and memories to last a very long time.

## Rock Point, Ariz.

By Jen Afdahl and Diana Busch

Imagine yourself with 2,400 miles, 15,000 feet, and 25

hours in a van with nine others and you would be on your way to the Navajo Nation service trip in Rock Point, Ariz. A week filled with teamwork, cultural understanding and lots of laughs awaits you. Expect nothing. Bring only an open mind and a suitcase.

Days one and two: Waverly, Ia., to North Platte, Neb., and then to Rock Point, Ariz.

Day three: We participated in a Navajo church service. Our group, accompanied by Ian Gan on guitar, led a spirited rendition of "Jesus Loves Me." We began in English, then invited the Navajo congregation to

join us in a Navajo verse.

That afternoon we climbed Rock Point (a sandstone rock for which the town is named) and saw the petroglyphs, which are rock carvings dating from the Anasazi people to the present. We also explored an unexcavated ruin site and an abandoned hogan, the type of house the Navajo people traditionally live in, to experience the history and culture.

We attended an English service that evening, followed by an orientation from Martin, the mission director. He discussed alcohol abuse, poverty and other issues important to the Navajo people.

Day four: Inserting envelopes into 29,000 ELCA mission newsletters marked the beginning of our extensive newsletter experience.

Diana Busch and Ray Millard did volunteer teaching of the K - 1 students at the mission school. Leiv Kaale, Gan, and Jen Afdahl volunteered with Busch in the afternoon. That evening the group stuffed newsletters alongside members of the Navajo community and mission employees. Sue Vogel, our supervisor, requested the help of Kaale and Millard to remove debris from the scene of a drunk driving accident which turned out to be unneeded.

Day five: Tuesday morning we began labeling the newsletters. Our morning break was spent at recess with the Navajo students. In the afternoon, we toured the Navajo Community College learning about traditional Navajo ways through a tour, talks with a medicine man and president of the student body, and a tour of the campus museum. On the way home we stopped for a sunset view of Canyon de Chelly.

Day six: Kaale and ReShonda Young helped with physical education classes and the group attended an afternoon music class in preparation for chapel time. Margaret, principal of the mission school and music teacher, commented on hearing a "nice voice" from Joanne Otte's corner of the room. Several members of the group

attend the mission's evening Bible study.

Day seven: Our group completed the newsletter process and picked up trash found around the mission compound and highway. Mandy Dreyer and Jamiw Tagtow read stories to the mission students that afternoon. Later the group visited the home of a Navajo weaver because of Wartburg advisor Barb Dilly's connections. The group also visited a science fair at the Rock Point public school. Charlotte, a Navajo woman, taught us how to make the staple Navajo food, fry bread, and shared her stories and took us startgazing atop the mesa.

Days eight and nine: Homeward bound.

## East St. Louis, Ill.

By Lisa Mooney



"I can't believe you're going to East St. Louis. Do you know what it's like there?" In the weeks preceeding our winterbreak service trip, 11 other Wartburg women and I were asked that question.

We knew it was one of the most distressed cities in the United States. East St. Louis needed us. That is why we went.

Not knowing what to expect, the 12 of us climbed into a big brown van and were on our way. As we neared East St. Louis seven hours later, we had our first views of the city. It just seemed empty.

We met up with Bryan Friedman, a '94 graduate of Wartburg and currently involved in the East St. Louis Action/Research Project through the University of Illinois. He showed us around and introduced us to Rev. Watson at the Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, our home for the week.

On Sunday, we attended the regular service in the morning; it was centered on praise and lasted two and a half hours. What a great way to start the week!

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we worked on remodeling a new office space for community organizations. Work we did included scraping floors, scraping paint, painting walls and trim, replacing baseboard, tiling, repairing a banister and wash windows.

We went to a school on Thursday, and helped students with every subject, providing extra help to those who needed it.

In the afternoon we toured East St. Louis. We were able to look at some of the neighborhood revitalization projects. Later, we helped at an afterschool center, which helps kids, has adult programs and serves as a community center.

On Friday, we went back to remodeling the house. In the afternoon, we visited the Katherine Dunham museum. Saturday was a clean-up day at the site.

Our second weekend coincided with a work weekend of the University of Illinois graduate students, which was being covered by local television. Mike, a professor of architecture who had helped us all week, told them about us and the TV crew came and talked to us about our week.

The things we gained will allow us to break out from stereotypes and help others. The service trip that I was a part of with Vicki Schaffer, Jess Smucksta, Ellie Miller, Theresa Alt, Jenni Brekke, Katy Fields, LeAnne Clausen, Jamie Homan, Angie Gorenson, Amber Kucera and Dr. Joyce Boss is something that will be remembered for the rest of our lives.

## Georgetown, S. C.



By Stephanie Robbins and Sarah Albertson

Seventy and 80 degree weather,

beautifully blue skies and sandy beaches everywhere greeted us, the 14 members of the Georgetown, SC, service trip.

Though the beaches are the main attraction of other spring break students, our main purpose took us to a small town named Andrews. We traveled over a thousand miles to help build a house for a family in a town 30 minutes from Myrtle Beach.

The house had only the foundation laid when we arrived. Chalk graffiti on the cement spelled out our mission, "Happy house building!"

A variety of students from Wartburg make up our team. Trip members included leaders Josh Miller and Kevin Rohne, members Jess Nipp, Julie Brown, Erin Larson, Stephanie Robbins, Sarah Albertson, Graham Schardt, Aaron Strumpel, Angela Peters, Sarah Musselman, Dave Max, Carrie Jo Saunders and advisor Dr. Fred Strickert.

We spent five days sawing, holding, pulling and hammering together a brand new home. Although none of us had much experience, foremen on the site were there to guide us along the way. In fact, some of us never knew how much precision was involved in building a house.

"I figured out what a carpenter's word for 'no' is: it's 'Whoa, whoa, whoa!'" said Schardt, a freshman on the trip.

Southern hospitality was one thing we soon became accustomed to. Everywhere we went, we wiped out the supply of iced tea known as "sweet tea." We learned to respond to terms of endearment, like 'honey,' 'sweetie,' and 'dear.'

The poverty down South was not hidden from us; we saw some of it first-hand. The Casselman family, for whom we were building a new house, worked alongside us. We visited the Casselmans' current home and were able to talk with them about their situation.

What started out as a cement slab ended up looking like a house by week's end, complete with roof trusses. It was wonderful to actually see our progress at the end of every workday.

We came back sunburned and tired, but with a better view of the real world. It seems the South really had an affect on all of us.

We all learned more than just how to put up walls during our trip. We learned how serving others can be fun and rewarding.

## Flint River, Ga.



No article about the Flint River trip was available. Leaders Rachel Chaput and Ryan Surber,

advisor Val Jones, and team members Jackie Bingham, Emily Sheppard, Jamie Sullivan, Jody Bonorden, Gina Hibbard, Zach Hoffman, Jennifer Horne, David Rewerts, Elifadhili Mattle and Amy Geertsema did work for Habitat for Humanity during their week in Georgia.

*If this interests you, watch next year before Christmas break for application forms and information about service trips.*



# Campus rocked by 'The Real Thing'

by Steve Youde  
Staff writer

"The Real Thing," a concert presented by the Wartburg Campus Ministry Board on Friday night in Neumann Auditorium, gave well over 500 students and community members a full evening of Christian rock.

Common Children, Dry Bones and Believable Picnic entertained the crowd for more than three hours.

"The Real Thing" is the largest concert of its type that has been presented at Wartburg. Consisting of three well-known bands, the show generated a lot of excitement and publicity.

"Wartburg has never seen anything like this," said Campus Ministry member Lynette Matter.

Emcees Paul Yeager, junior, and Heather Fink, senior, took the stage shortly after 7 p.m. to announce the first band and thank the many sponsors that made the concert a success.

Within minutes of the opening of the concert, the crowd was on its feet cheering and moshing with high intensity.

The first band, Dry Bones, originally formed in Boulder, Colo. in 1992, recorded its first album in 1995. The four members brought diverse backgrounds with them as well as what they consider a "burning compassion for the lost."

Believable Picnic, the next band, has been playing together for four years. The band members describe themselves as being "modern rock with a spicing of Monty Python." Influences of mainstream bands like the Beatles and Queen are

often noticed in their music. The band has toured with the contemporary Christian band PFR.

Believable Picnic's message is about real life. They attempt to convey "the love of Christ and His sacrifice for us" in all of their music.

"We just want to be real. We want to have fun and show other people that it can be a lot of fun to be a Christian," said drummer Jeff Bridges.

Closing the show was Common Children. This three-member band, originally from Hot Springs, Ark., got its start performing in coffee houses around the Southeast.

The band's career seemed to take off with the addition of drummer Hampton Eugene as they began touring colleges and accumulating a loyal audience. They have since toured with secular groups such as Cheap Trick and Better Than Ezra.

"We don't want to shove anything down anyone's throat," said singer/guitar player Marc Byrd.

The band focuses on creating the best music they can and also being able to compete with mainstream bands. They feel that Christian bands are often not regarded as talented musicians and that because they play Christian music they don't have to be as good.

"We'll play for anyone, Christians or non-Christians. A lot of times our message isn't very clear in our music and people will ask us about our beliefs and that's our chance to tell of our faith," said Byrd.

Plans for the concert began months ago and involved many Wartburg stu-



Photo by Steve Youde

**SERVING THROUGH SONG**—Members of the Christian band Dry Bones thrill the crowd through their tunes. Dry Bones was one of three bands featured in "The Real Thing."

dents. Students were able to be involved in a variety of positions ranging from ticket takers to security to setup and technical assistance.

"It took a great committee and a lot of dedication and planning," said Campus Ministry Board's director of special activities, senior Ryan Surber.

Surber gives much credit and thanks to

the members of Campus Ministry, Campus Activities Board and many other students, staff and community members that donated their time and money to the event.

With the success of "The Real Thing," members of CAB and Campus Ministry are already getting plans together to bring in some even bigger names next fall.

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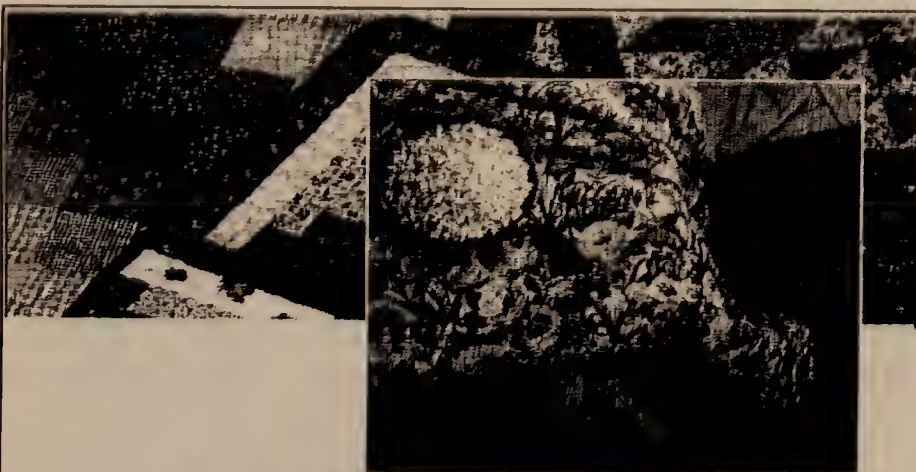
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BACK AT 'CHA—Steve Merinck returns a volley during a meet Tuesday. The team lost, but came back to defeat BV and Dubuque on Saturday.

Photo by Nathan Friesen

# Tennis rebounds from loss

by Jill Benson  
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team kept their record strong Saturday, claiming victories over Buena Vista, 5-2, and the University of Dubuque, 6-1, in two separate tennis meets at home.

"We have a really young team with a lot of potential. I think as the season goes on, we will be ready to compete for the con-

ference title in the conference tournament," said Steve Merinck.

The Knights defeated Buena Vista 5-2. In doubles competition, Ben Christensen and Raza Akbar suffered a 5-8 loss, while Eric Adams and Shakeel Arab won 8-6, as did Todd Benson and Jim Davis, 8-4.

All doubles teams were victorious against the University of Dubuque. Christensen/Akbar

won 8-6, Adams/Arab won 8-5, and Benson/Davis soundly defeated their Spartan opponent, 8-1.

The team started off their season with a 7-2 loss to Loras on Tuesday, March 11.

"It was the first match of the season and we didn't have a lot of match experience," said Benson. "We expect to improve over the next few weeks."

# New coach at soccer helm

by Lis Erickson  
Sports Editor

The other "football" teams have a new coach.

Rob Larson was hired to coach the men's and women's soccer teams prior to Winter Term Break, according to Athletic Director Gary Grace.

"We're excited to have hired someone with a strong soccer background for the job," Grace said. Larson played soccer for Wartburg before transferring to

Iowa State University in 1987.

"Things look really promising," said Kirsten Jasper. "He has lots of goals for the team, and will put a big emphasis on recruiting."

Larson has coached both boys 18 and under in Cedar Falls and a team in Ames. His teams have won 85 percent of their games.

Larson replaces William Spencer II, who coached the Knights for three years.

# All-Americans and MVA named at Indoor Nationals

by Amy Wagner  
Staff Writer

Wartburg sent three to compete at the NCAA Division III Indoor National Track and Field meet March 8, and came home with two All-Americans and the Central Region's Most Valuable Male Athlete.

"Wartburg was the only team in the region to have two women All-Americans," said Head Track and Field Coach Steve Johnson.

All-American status is determined by a finish in the top eight of 13 competitors.

Dawn Digmann, All-American in the shot put, placed fourth, throwing 43 feet, 9 inches. The throw was her career best by six inches.

"Her main focus this year was just to keep technique and keep it simple," Johnson said.

Trina Stines placed fourth in the 880-meters, running a time of 2 minutes, 15.43 seconds. She broke the school record, which she'd set the week before at the Iowa State Qualifier. "She ran hard and concentrated on a huge kick," Johnson said.

Stines moved from sixth to fourth place with her kick in the last 100 meters of the race. She was only .1 seconds from second place.

Chris Shannon placed ninth in the 55-meter high hurdles with a time of 7.73.

"It was one of his fastest times in his life," Johnson said. "Bumping into the runner next to him might have had an impact on his race."

"He has one more chance in the outdoor season, and he's in the best shape of his life."



◆ Three Wartburg indoor track records fell at the Iowa State Qualifier in Ames on Feb. 28. Trina Steines ran the 800 in 2:16.83. Steines then broke her own record at the NCAA Division III Indoor National Track and Field meet March 8 (see story above). The previous school record was 2:18.84, set in 1981. Jeanette Olson, Leah Lenhart, Steines and Nikki Kimball ran a time of 4:04.05 in the 1600-meter relay, beating the old record by two seconds. Also, the men's 1600-meter relay team of Chad Williams, Steve Boblenz, Chris Shannon and Trevor Shannon set a new record of 3:18.09. They broke their own record set earlier this season of 3:22.37.

◆ Rich Kloster was named second team All-Iowa Conference Men's Basketball. Joining him are Tony Campbell (Luther), Jamie Wilson (Buena Vista), T.C. Cunningham (William Penn) and Mark Beinborn (Dubuque). On the first team were Kevin Clipperton (Upper Iowa), who was also named the Iowa Conference MVP, Nick Dentlinger (Buena Vista), Adam Doll (Simpson), Brandon Hoch (Central) and Jason Driscoll (Loras). Iowa Conference Coach of the Year was Buena Vista's Brian Van Haften.

◆ Three Wartburg football players will participate in the National All-Stars Bowl College Football Classic. Andy Lockie, defensive linebacker, Chris Reade, offensive line-man and linebacker Lance Thompson were named to the team. The National All-Star Bowl is a series of eight games played in six cities across the nation. Nearly 800 players from all divisions of the NCAA and NAIA are involved. Also, the players will have the opportunity to workout for pro scouts from all levels.

## Knight Action

Division III National Wrestling Tournament at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio

FINAL TEAM RESULTS		158 POUNDS	
Team	Points	Santaniello (NJ) dec. Chad Veenedall (W-LaCr), 3-2.	SEMIFINALS—Ricky Casarez (Loras) dec. Brian Roberts, 3-2; Justin Hahn (Augs) dec. Ryan Kahman (Sprfld), 12-9.
Augsburg	122.0	FINAL—Rhodes dec. Santaniello, 7-2.	THIRD—Roberts dec. Dan O'Conne (NJ), 5-4.
Wartburg	80.0	CONSOLATION FOURTH ROUND—Dan Ambrozak (Mt. U) dec. Kevin Miller, 9-5; Wade Johnson (Augs) dec. Ryan Schweitzerberger (BV), 5-0.	177 POUNDS
New Jersey	65.5	SEVENTH—Schweitzerberger dec. Miller, 3-0.	CONSOLATION FOURTH ROUND—Chns Ortnr dec. Mark Winters (SUNY-Court), 9-4; Scott Steppe (Montclair) dec. Joe Rens (W-St.Pt.), 6-5.
Wisconsin-Stevens' Point	55.0	150 POUNDS	CONSOLATION SEMIFINALS—Lance Baden (WPI) dec. Ortnr, 9-7 (OT); Ethan Brownback (Dela. V) threw Steppe, 8:19.
SUNY-Brockport	54.5	CONSOLATION FOURTH ROUND—Joe Maiani (Ohio N) dec. Greg Halsor, 10-2; Eric Vandervest (W-LaCr) dec. Dan Tschudi (St. John's), 9-3.	FIFTH—Steppe dec. Ortnr, 6-1.
		SEVENTH—Tschudi dec. Halsor, 7-2.	

Indoor Track and Field National Championships at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Women—Shot Put—4. Dawn Digmann, 43.9; 800—4. Trina Stines, 2:15.43. Men—55 m hurdles—9. Chris Shannon, :07.73. Shannon was named NCAA Central Region Indoor Male Athlete of the Year Central Region track coaches

Baseball at Panama City, Florida, March 2-7

March 2		March 5, continued	
First game		Second game	
Salem College	000 000 0-0 4 4	Point Park	010 02-3 7 1
Wartburg	002 002 0-4 3 1	Wartburg	155 20-13 12 1
Peragine and Bruce; Grawe and Polking. W—Grawe, 1-0. L—Peragine.		Purdue, Evans (2), Dinwoodie (3) and Gency; Mudd and Polking. W—Mudd, 1-0. L—Purdue.	
Second game		March 6	
Salem College	100 000 1-2 6 3	First game	
Wartburg	030 000 3-6 6 2	John Carroll	000 006 000-10 14 4
Draper and McBride; Cruikshank and Knudson. W—Cruikshank, 1-0. L—Draper.		Wartburg	030 102 002-8 10 2
Mason and Scott; Etringer and Knudson/Philipp. W—Mason, 1-0. L—Etringer, 0-1.		Vineyard, Psnick (5), Metz (6) and Dahlmeier; Grawe, Long (5.1) and Potratz (6) and Polking. W—Metz. L—Potratz, 0-1.	
March 3		Second game	
First game		John Carroll	000 200 0-2 7 0
Urbana	000 001 01-2 8 1	Wartburg	034 000 3-10 15 1
Wartburg	001 000 00-1 6 1	LaFontaine, Copeland (4) and Chambers; Cruikshank and Knudson. W—Cruikshank, 2-0. L—LaFontaine.	
Hensley and Smith; Fischels, Long (6) and Knudson. W—Hensley. L—Long, 0-1.		March 7	
Second game		First game	
Urbana	000 110 001-3 6 0	John Carroll	130 16-11 12 1
Wartburg	000 000 200-2 4 2	Wartburg	001 00-1 3 2
Neal and Sentner; Klemesrud, Gade (5), Stafford (5.2) and Knudson. W—Neal. L—Stafford, 0-1.		O'Rourke and Nothnagle; Etringer and Polking. W—O'Rourke. L—Etringer, 0-2.	
March 5		Second game	
First game		Marietta	100 050 0-6 14 0
Point Park	010 211 0-5 7 0	Wartburg	002 100 0-3 3 2
Wartburg	202 000 0-4 7 3	Thomas and Craddock; Hart, Stafford (4.1) and Knudson. W—Thomas. L—Hart, 0-1.	
Neal and Sentner; Klemesrud, Gade (5), Stafford (5.2) and Knudson. W—Neal. L—Stafford, 0-1.			

Softball results from the team's California trip were unavailable at press time.

## Final 1996-97 Iowa Conference Basketball Standings

Women			Men		
Team	IAC	Overall	Team	IAC	Overall
Buena Vista	14-2	21-4	Buena Vista	12-4	18-7
Luther	12-4	17-7	Simpson	11-5	18-7
Wartburg	12-4	16-8	Upper Iowa	10-6	17-8
Loras	10-6	15-9	William Penn	9-7	12-13
Central	9-7	12-12	Luther	8-8	12-13
Simpson	6-10	11-14	Loras	8-8	11-13
Upper Iowa	6-10	11-14	Central	7-9	12-13
William Penn	2-14	8-19	Wartburg	7-9	10-14
Dubuque	1-15	9-16	Dubuque	0-16	0-25

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# SPORTS

## A tale of two champions...

by Stacy Demro  
Staff Writer

The third time was a charm for senior Dusty Rhodes at the National Wrestling Tournament.

"I was hoping to win my sophomore year. I thought I could win my junior year. And I finally had it in my head this year that I could win," said Rhodes.

Rhodes, who transferred to Wartburg from the University of Northern Iowa after his third semester and wrestled in the 134-pound weight class, grabbed his first individual national championship two weeks ago.

"I was obviously happy, obviously excited. I have high expectations for myself," said Rhodes.

He placed eighth his first year at the tournament and sixth the second year, according to Head Wrestling Coach Jim Miller.

"It was awesome to see him win the tournament. He deserves it, he works hard, and is a great athlete," said Miller.

Rhodes wrestled in the Iowa State High School Wrestling Tournament three times. He was a qualifier his sophomore year, placed third his junior, and took the title as a senior.

Rhodes became interested in wrestling in elementary school after attending wrestling tournaments with his family.

Although Rhodes does not think he has one particular move that is his secret weapon, one of his coaches disagrees.

"His duck-under is tough. What makes him so good with it is he's patient with it. He hit it three times in the finals and that made a difference," said Wartburg Assistant Wrestling Coach Pat Hogan.

Rhodes thinks being at Wartburg was crucial to his wrestling success.

"I wouldn't have won if I wasn't at Wartburg because of the attitudes and atmosphere.

"It's a great place to be. Not just wrestling people, but everyone at Wartburg," said Rhodes.

Miller has also been influential to Rhodes.

"I know he's [Miller] one of the best, if



Photo courtesy of College Relations

**WHERE HE BELONGS**—Dusty Rhodes prepares to take on his opponent in the final match for the National Champion title in the 134 weight class. Rhodes dominated his final match, winning 7-2.

not the best coach in the whole country," Rhodes said. "He has influenced my attitude about everything, not just wrestling."

As much as he is motivated by his coach, his coaches say Rhodes motivates the team as well.

"The younger wrestlers look up to him. He does his job all year and they are inspired by it," said Hogan.

Rhodes thinks the entire Wartburg wrestling team did well at the national tournament and deserves to be recognized.

"Everybody should be proud, everybody wrestled hard. We never got to meet Augsburg [1997 National Champion] head-to-head," Rhodes said.

"They had a tournament you only dream about having.

"If you ask anyone on the team they will tell you the same thing. We wrestled a good tournament."

by Kris Erickson  
Staff Writer

It started at the YMCA in fifth grade standing on top of the platform and ended up in Ada, Ohio, still standing in first place.

Tom Smith is Wartburg's only two-time national champion in the sport he loves, wrestling. The drive and desire to be the best have always been in Smith.

"The thing Coach Miller always stresses is to go out and fight your hardest. If you do that, you achieve your goal, and I believe that," said Smith.

"Tom's work ethic is unmatched. I have yet to find a limit to his endurance," said Head Coach Jim Miller.

His teammates agree. "His work ethic is unbelievable. He is the hardest worker on the team," said freshman Casey Doyle, who wrestled behind Smith in the 1996-97 season.

Wrestling is a way of life for Smith.

"The hard work that goes into wrestling, the one-on-one fighting and battling on the mat. Once a person spends time and gets involved, wrestling is addictive," said Smith.

The importance of hard work and never giving up are among the many things Smith has learned from wrestling.

"It's given me a lot of confidence. If I can go through wrestling, I can do anything. The values you learn carry on into normal life," said Smith.

These values are evident in his accomplishments: two individual and one team national championships. Victory has not always accompanied Smith's devotion to wrestling, however.

Taking second at the Iowa High School State Wrestling Tournament twice in high school and second place his first two years at Wartburg was frustrating, he said.

When the moment finally came last season, and he was a national champion, it was "a relief," said Smith. However, a championship his junior year and not his senior year was not what Smith wanted.

"Once I won it, I wanted to train even harder for the second," he said.

"I think he erased the thought of 'I did



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**ON THE WAY TO NUMBER TWO**—Tom Smith works to gain control at the National Wrestling Tournament. Smith came home with his second national championship title.

it, I am a national champion,' and focused," said Doyle.

Paired with Smith's determination, his positive mindset helped him work toward his goal.

"Believing in yourself is 95% of it. The bottom line is wrestling is mental. You're not successful until you believe in yourself," said Smith.

"He has incredible mental discipline, and it separates him from other people," said Miller.

A few individuals can be credited for instilling these values and beliefs in Smith.

Both Miller and Smith's high school coach dedicated their time to make Smith better. Also, the Brands brothers, wrestlers at the University of Iowa, influenced Smith.

All of these individuals affected Smith, yet Smith does not feel he is a role model for younger wrestlers.

Doyle disagrees. "He's a role-model for anybody at school, not just wrestlers."

"He may not say a lot, but he stands for the right things. He is a good student, citizen, and an all-around great young man," said Miller.

## The Harves Madness Survival Kit

Four splendid days, 48 splendid games and one heck of a four-day weekend. Oh yes, March Madness has forced its wrath on us once again.

One of perhaps the best three weekends of the year has passed us by, but not without the usual thrills and spills of roller-coaster-like emotional avalanches in this simple game we call basketball.

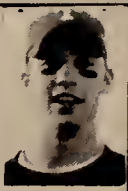
The NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament brings out sports fans like a full moon calls out fearful, fanged fiends in a late-night horror film.

The toughest pill to swallow for some is the three-day grace period which delays the beginning of the round of 16, commonly referred to as "sweet."

With that in mind, I offer my expertise in surviving this 72-hour stretch which will bring some to the edge of immaculate

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insanity, and drive others to wonder what it must be like to have the madness.

Here are some tips which should help you get by until Thursday night, when the Madness resumes and the sports fans howl.

**Check out the Internet.** Thanks to unlimited internet access on campus, the net offers many different sites for those craving information on any tournament fact or statistic.

ESPN and CBS each have more than enough information to prevent someone else from using the computer for educational purposes for at least a

couple of hours. Don't forget to check out the women's tournament, along with the NCAA hockey tournament, which begins this weekend.

Pretend you are doing well in your tournament pool.

Thanks to Coppin State, Chattanooga, Stanford and Providence, most people have lost hope in their picks. The realization here is that everyone is in the same boat.

With all four number one seeds still alive, those who took the easy way out and picked the top seeds to the final four may be the favorites right now.

But worry not, those of you who picked South Carolina, Duke or Wake Forest. The door may appear shut, but upset is knocking and wants in again.

Laugh at the guy with the Duke hat. Once again, those of us who take North Carolina over

Duke have bigger smiles on our faces today.

If you see one of those guys like my best friend back home with the Duke jersey or hat, just laugh and say, "Maybe next year."

**Find a new angle to get excited about.** Your team may be done and your dollar may be lost, but there's more to the tournament than that.

You can ride the train of the Chattanooga Moccasians or hop on the God Shammgod bandwagon at Providence.

The madness even brought me down to the level of an Iowa Hawkeye fan as I found myself cheering against Kentucky on Saturday night.

This is a worst-case scenario, but you get the picture. It's never too late to get excited.

**Brag up your team (if they are still alive).** For the tourna-

ment fortunate like me, our favorite teams are still alive.

My northern roots will stake me in front of the television on Thursday night when my beloved Golden Gophers from Minnesota take on the Clemson Tigers.

For those of you who are Cyclone fans, the UCLA Bruins await and Cinderella's slipper is getting worn out. It's time for Iowa State to make their last stand at the Alamo Dome in San Antonio. The Gophers will be waiting for them in the region finals.

With these simple suggestions in mind, prepare for the three-day fast which begins today and climaxes on Thursday night.

But don't forget to pace yourself. Another fast awaits next week. Until then, prepare, and may Shamgod be with you.